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a detailed report on the Institute of Documentation (Institut fuer Dokumentation) of the Academy of Sciences (Akademie der Wissenschaften), (East) Berlin NW 7, Schiffbauerdamm 19.

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I. General

- a. On 1 October 1958, Prof. Dr. Heinrich Bertsch, formerly head of the Academy Institute of Organic Chemistry and a professor at Humboldt University, East Berlin, replaced Prof. Dr. Maximilian Pfluecke as head of the Institute of Documentation. His deputy is Dr. Josef Koblitiz.
- b. The Institute of Documentation absorbed the former Central Office of Scientific Literature (Zentralstelle fuer wissenschaftliche Literatur - ZWL) and the Editorial Staff of Agricultural Publications (Redaktion des landwirtschaftliches Zentralblattes) in 1957, shortly after its inception. The work includes co-operation with special documentation departments on general matters, and the collection and documentation of material for special areas without documentation departments of their own.

II. Structure of the Institute of Documentation

- a. The official address of the Institute is Berlin NW 7, Schiffbauerdamm 19. Some of the sections of the Institute are located at Berlin N 4, Chausseestrasse 113, and Berlin W 8, Unter den Linden (in the State Library building).
- b. The Institute is divided into the following categories (Bereiche):
 1. Editorial staff of the Chemisches Zentralblatt (Chemistry Journal), Schiffbauerdamm 19; chief - none The former publisher was Professor Maximilian Pfluecke.

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2. Editorial staff of the Technisches Zentralblatt (Technical Journal), Schiffbauerdamm 19; chief - B. Gebauer
3. Editorial staff of the Landwirtschaftliches Zentralblatt (Agricultural Journal), Berlin, Zimmerstrasse; chief - Frau Wittbrodt (fnu)
4. Documentation Service and Practical Documentation (Dokumentationsdienste und praktische Dokumentationsarbeit), Unter den Linden; chief: Rieger (fnu)
5. Systematization of Documentation (Systematik der Dokumentation), Unter den Linden; this Bereich is further subdivided into:
 - (a). Systematization (Systematik), under Schmoll (fnu)
 - (b). Documentation Training (Schulung von Dokumentation), under Frau Pressel (fnu) who is also the secretary of the Institute's Party Organization (BPO)
 - (c). Publication of the journal Dokumentation, under Zerkalle (fnu)
6. Economic Information Bereich, under Siegfried Langhans¹
7. Technical Services (Technische Dienste), Schiffbauerdamm 19, chief [redacted]
8. Translation Service (Uebersetzungsdienst), Unter den Linden; chief [redacted]

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- c. There are also two departments (Abteilungen): Cadre and General Administration, both located at the Schiffbauerdamm address.

III. Subordination of the Institute of Documentation

The Institute is directly subordinate to the Presidium of the German Academy of Sciences (Deutsche Akademie der Wissenschaften), East Berlin, for technical and administrative purposes. The appointment of officials and scientific staff members, however, must be coordinated with the Scientific Department (Abteilung Wissenschaft) of the SED Central Committee.

IV. Personnel

[redacted] there were approximately 200 persons in the Institute for Documentation, of whom about 80 were members of the scientific staff. [redacted] the majority belonged to the SED.

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V. Projects of the Institute of Documentation

The report lists, in general, the projects of the Institute.

VI. Results achieved by the Institute

The report describes, in fair detail, some of the work done by the Institute in carding and classifying material, mostly in the field of economic information, which is subdivided into three categories: Chemistry (Chemie), Atomic Economy (Atomwirtschaft), and Nuclear Technology (Kerntechnik).¹ [redacted] there were approximately 5,000 cards made on these three subjects. In the latter two categories, material originating in [redacted] the Soviet Union was carded; material on the following subjects was of particular interest: heavy water, general nuclear chemistry and processing of

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uranium ore, isotope applications (especially in forestry and agriculture), reactors, and price scales for uranium, thorium, zirconium, hafnium, beryllium, graphite, plutonium, and heavy water. All of the material collected in these two categories (Atomic Economy and Nuclear Technology) was forwarded to the Office of Nuclear Technology (Amt fuer Kerntechnik).

VII. Cooperation with Soviet Bloc countries

A regular exchange is maintained between the Institute and corresponding institutes in the USSR and the other Satellites.

VIII. Long-range Planning

It is planned to build a building for the Institute of Documentation on the Platz der Akademie (formerly known as Gendarmenmarkt), opposite the Academy of Sciences. Plans have been drawn up, but the required funds have not yet been allocated.

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X and X. Party and FDJ Activities at the Institute.

- a. Party activities have increased since the founding of the Institute, and the pressure on non-Party members became so great that Professor Pfluecke, a recognized expert in his field, was forced to retire.
- b. There are about 30 FDJ members; the secretary is Frau Rupprecht (fmu).

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